

COMMUNITY NEWS

IRS warns of e-mail scam about tax refunds

The Internal Revenue Service today issued a consumer alert about an Internet scam in which consumers receive an e-mail informing them of a tax refund. The e-mail, which claims to be from the IRS, directs the consumer to a link that requests personal information, such as Social Security number and credit card information.

This scheme is an attempt to trick the e-mail recipients into disclosing their personal and financial data. The practice is called "phishing" for information. The information fraudulently obtained is then used to steal the taxpayer's identity and financial assets.

Generally, identity thieves use someone's personal data to steal his or her financial accounts, run up charges on the victim's existing credit cards, apply for new loans, credit cards, services or benefits in the victim's name and even file fraudulent tax returns.

The bogus e-mail, which claims to come from "tax refunds@irs.gov," tells the recipient that he or she is eligible to receive a tax refund for a given amount. It then says that to access a form for the tax refund, the recipient must use a link contained in the e-mail. The link then asks for the personal and financial information.

The IRS does not ask for personal identifying or financial information via unsolicited e-mail. Additionally, taxpayers do not have to complete a special form to obtain a refund.

If you receive an unsolicited e-mail purporting to be from the IRS, take the following steps:

Robert W. Glover, CCLA, has been recognized as an Outstanding Course Leader by the American Institute of America, national educational organizations headquartered in Malvern, Pa. This recognition is based on his having taught insurance and financial services courses whose students passed the national certifying examination at a level that met or exceeded the national pass ratio for that exam.

Outstanding course leaders such as Glover combine their expertise in the course content with effective learning activities and personal concern for their adult students. They provide a class structure that facilitates individual learning and an environment that supports academic success. He is among those special people who have been able to provide a positive learning experience for his students.

He and other course leaders, for the most part, hold full-time jobs and teach insurance courses part-time because they are com-

mitted to the professional development of their colleagues.

Glover serves as vice president with National Security Fire and Casualty Company in Elba. He is a graduate of University of Oklahoma in Norman, Okla., where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics.

Glover is past-president of the Elba Lions Club, and he has also served as the group's secretary and treasurer. He has led institute course for two years.

Mr. Glover and his wife, Penny, live in Elba. They have four children.

Do not open any attachments to the e-mail, in case they contain malicious code that will infect your computer.

Contact the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 to determine whether the IRS is trying to contact you about a tax refund.

Taxpayers who believe they have been scammed or have received a suspicious communication can call the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) toll-free fraud referral hotline at 1-800-366-4484.

The IRS has seen numerous attempts over the years to defraud the public and the federal government through a variety of schemes, including abusive tax avoidance transactions, identity theft, claims for slavery reparations, frivolous arguments and more. More information on these schemes may be found on the criminal enforcement page at IRS.gov.

This class is designed to familiarize participants with the customs and culture of the Korean people. Topics discussed will include a brief history of the Korean Peninsula, a review of the geography and demographics, a snapshot of some of the customs of the language, and a review of some of the customs of the language.

This class will be held on the Enterprise campus Tuesday nights for three weeks beginning Tuesday, February 6, from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. The cost for the course is \$20.

This class will be held on the Enterprise campus, Saturday, January 28, from 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. The cost for the course is \$20. For more information, please call 347-2623, ext. 2209. REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 23.

This class will be held on the Enterprise campus, Thursday, February 16, from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The cost for the course is \$65 if you preregister by February 9. For more information, please call 347-2623, ext. 2209.

Financial Planning is a FREE informative class designed for individuals interested in getting more for their money and planning for the future. Students will learn about investment alternatives, including insurance policies, savings accounts, and mutual funds.

This class will be held on the Enterprise campus on Monday nights for three weeks beginning January 16, from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. and on the Fort Rucker campus on Tuesday nights beginning January 17, from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call 347-2623, ext. 2209.

Beginning Sign Language is an introductory course for people with little or no experience signing. At the conclusion of the class students should be able to participate in simple conversation using sign language. This class will be held on the Enterprise campus on Thursday nights for six weeks beginning February 2, from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. The cost for the course is \$65.

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COFFEE COUNTY RECEIVED A SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Monday morning, Jan. 9, during the Coffee County Commission meeting as Paul Duval, a representative of the National Weather Service in Tallahassee, Fla., announced the certification of Coffee County as a Storm Ready County. In being named a Storm Ready County, Duval said Coffee County has shown an ability to receive warnings in a timely manner and an ability to get that information out to the public in a timely manner. Duval said the certification is good for three years, and he expects the county to be re-certified after that. He said re-certification in three years will show that Coffee County has continued to improve its ability to warn citizens of pending bad weather conditions. Duval (right) is shown making the Storm Ready presentation to Coffee County Emergency Management Director John Tallas (left).

During New Brockton Town Council meeting Plans announced for annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day activities (Jan. 16)

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Luther King Jr. remembrance day activities. He said the day's activities will begin at the Old Warren Smith School building at 9 a.m. From there, attendees will march through New Brockton to Springfield Baptist Church. A program will begin at 11 a.m. at the church, and Mayor Charles Cole will be the guest speaker.

Council member Jeff White presented a report from the New Brockton Water Board. He said the water board has contracted with Holloway Credit, a collection company, to assist the town in collecting funds on past due

While on the topic of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Herron reminded everyone of New Brockton's annual Martin

engagement

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New Brockton students "take it to the extreme"

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Meeting held earlier this week in Elba

Officials continue to look at flood control

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Continuing efforts to improve flood control in Elba got another boost Monday afternoon.

Mayor James Grimes left a meeting held in Elba with visions of extensive work in the old Beaver Dam Creek bed adding to flood control in downtown Elba. This project could also remove several abandoned houses, add walking and/or biking trails, picnic tables, green space recreation areas, etc. It will be designed to finally beat the continuing battle with mosquitoes which hatch in the standing pools of water in the area. Designers hope to preserve some areas to display natural wetlands flora. The holding ponds will be designed to remain dry and drained unless there is a heavy rain. One exception under consideration is allowing the upper pond to permanently hold enough water to beautify the area.

Once completed the holding ponds can be filled and the storm water released to the Putnam Street pumps and exported to the river.

An alternate under consideration is installing a second pumping station on the West end of the project allowing excess water to be pumped directly into Beaver Dam Creek, thus relieving pressure on the Putnam Street pumps.

Monday night the Elba City Council quickly endorsed the proposal as "needed".

Marlon Cook, the new Division Director of the ADECA's Office of Water Resources, presented the plan to a group assembled by Barbara Gibson, Director of Choc Pea Yellow River Watershed Authority. Choc Pea board member Dr. Bruce Donaldson was also at the meeting, as was Don Hyde who manages the water monitoring stations throughout the watershed area.

Cook has done extensive work in the Elba area, and throughout Southeast Alabama, having recently moved to his present position from the U.S. Geological Survey office in Tuscaloosa.

The project would include up to three holding ponds capable of retaining 3.2 million cubic feet of water (73 acre feet). That is 67% of a ten inch rainfall in a

24 hour period. Cook indicated this would handle storm runoff in the drainage basin from most rains in Elba. Early plans call for Pond #1 filling first, then Pond #2, then Pond #3, and from there to the pumps at the levee near Putnam Street. Elba is already requiring holding ponds be installed with all new construction projects.

Leslie Durham, Chief, Flood Plain Control with the Water Resources office, was present at the meeting and agreed to do some preliminary design work on the project, nail down funding sources, etc. The City of Elba will then contact the U.S. Corp. of Engineers about doing the actual designing and overseeing of the project.

Alabama Senator Jimmy Holmes and Representative Terry Spicer were in attendance at the meeting and pledged their support.

Coffee County Emergency Management Director John Tallas also endorsed the project as beneficial to long range flood control and quality of life in the area.

WRECK INJURES THREE...Local emergency personnel responded Saturday evening, Jan. 7, to the scene of a one-vehicle wreck on Lower Curtis Road in Elba. Dispatchers with the Elba Police Department received report of the accident at approximately 6:30 p.m. Upon arriving on scene officers found that a 1988 Mazda B26 truck, driven by Christie Williams, age 33, of Elba, had left the roadway and overturned. According to police, Williams apparently over corrected the steering after the tires of the truck ran onto the shoulder of the roadway causing the vehicle to rotate clockwise. The vehicle entered a critical yaw, began rotating counter-clockwise, left the roadway and overturned traveling down a deep ravine before coming to a rest on the driver's side of the vehicle up against a tree. Williams and her son, Jordan Williams, age 12, were fully ejected from the vehicle during the course of the accident. Both were treated on scene by Coffee County EMS personnel and transferred to Elba General Hospital. A short time later, the mother and son were each transported to Flowers Hospital in Dothan where they continue to receive treatment. Williams' daughter and the third occupant of the vehicle, Brinley Williams, age 10, was not ejected from the vehicle. She was transported by private vehicle to Elba General Hospital for treatment of injuries sustained. None of the occupants reportedly were wearing a seat belt. The accident was investigated by officers with the Elba Police Department. Also responding to the scene was the Elba Fire Department.

NOTICE

The 2006 Miss Elba pageants, sponsored by the New Seasons Study Club, will be Saturday, March 4, at 6 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium. This year's theme is "Viva Las Vegas."

Each girl must either attend Elba City Schools or have a permanent Elba address, and meet age requirements. Age divisions are as follows: Future Little Miss Elba - ages 3-5; Little Miss Elba - first graders; Junior Miss Elba - 7th thru 10th graders; and Miss Elba - ages 17-21.

Deadline for all entries is Sunday, Jan. 29, at the Miss Elba Tea, held at Moseley's Studio. An entry fee of \$30 is due on this date, and all entry forms will be given out at the time of arrival. All contestants should be prepared for their photogenic picture to be taken on this day. Contestants will sell ads for a slide show presentation to be shown to the audience and judges the night of the pageant. All ads sold should be turned in the day of the tea. Future Little Miss and Junior Miss Contestants should arrive at 2 p.m. Junior Miss and Miss Contestants should arrive at 2:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in participating in this event should contact the pageant chairperson, Destiny Hudson (897-3619 or 494-3544) for ad sales information and questions.

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Elba set to take over garbage pickup service Jan. 31

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday evening, passed some resolutions, reviewed the financial statement, paid the bills and fielded a couple of complaints which had been called to the attention of council members.

Two resolutions relating to the ongoing sewer upgrade project CDBG grant were approved by the council. One cleared the way for Peters Mitchell Associates, of Dothan, to do the engineering on the project. The other resolution approved Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission to administer the CDBG grant.

Mayor James Grimes told council members the financial statement was looking good for the first two months of the fiscal year. He noted that most departments were actually under budget on the October/November financial statement. The exceptions were appropriations (which pays the total annual budgeted amount at the first of the fiscal year) and the street department which showed an expenditure for supplies at twice the budgeted amount of \$6,666.67.

Other departments, such as Capital Expenditures have yet to expend much of the budgeted amounts. That will change as paving and reworking of some large equipment gets underway.

Monthly bills totaling \$86,935.80 were approved for payment. This included utilities, gas and oil, transfer to the schools, note payments and garbage fees.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported the new garbage truck was due in Elba next week with the City of Elba scheduled to take over the service on January 31st.

Grantham also reported that the demolition work at the old school was moving along smoothly. He added that he was meeting January 12th (today) with the playground committee to discuss plans for beginning the work and exact location of the playground.

Grimes reported that two local business have agreed to lease a new vehicle for the DARE program. The three year lease on the new Ford Explorer will be at no cost to the city.

He also announced that the dedication on the new diagnostic lab building is scheduled for February 28th.

The mayor informed council members that he is working on a plan to clean the old Beaver Dam Creek bed, improve flood control and make the area an asset to the community.

Council member Ronnie Hammond reported receiving complaints about building materials and other trash on a lot off Martin L. King Drive. He was told that the owner had been contacted and informed that he must do something about the problem.

Councilman Tom Hooks requested something be done on Martin L. King Drive at the levee. He noted roughness in the road and inability to see over the levee are creating dangerous situations. The police, chief and city clerk agreed to look at the problem.

Councilman Harold Spicer passed along a request from a citizen to be able to ride bicycles on the levee walking trail. Grimes told him that this was strictly prohibited due to dangerous situations. The police, chief and city clerk agreed to look at the problem.

Police Chief Freddie Hanchey reported the resignation of an officer who accepted a position in Brantley.

Area Happenings

OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW BROCKTON HIGH SCHOOL

will be Thursday, Jan. 12, from 5-7 p.m. Report cards may be picked up at this time.

KICKOFF FOR THE 14TH ANNUAL AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S COFFEE COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE is Thursday, Jan. 12, from 6-7:30 p.m. at St. Luke United Methodist Church in Enterprise. Those interested in having a team this year should drop by St. Luke and get the necessary information. The theme of this year's relay is "Cancer Never Takes A Holiday," and the date is May 19 at EOCC. For more information call Sheila Reeves or Linda Andress at 347-3411.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Monday, Jan. 16, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. There will be standby crews for any emergency with electric, water, street and sewer. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage pickup schedule will be unchanged.

PARENTS OF ELBA HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS are asked to attend a Senior Parent Financial Aid Workshop Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 6 p.m. The workshop will be held in the high school auditorium.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The Alabama Legislature is back in session, as of Tuesday of this week. Bills passed, or even considered normally carry a more political tone during election years and 2006 promises to be no different. It is not unusual for candidates to call for tax cuts (and more benefits) but it is disappointing to read that Governor Bob Riley has jumped on that bandwagon with across the board cuts in state income taxes. Increasing the floor for low income tax payments is long overdue, that should be on everyone's agenda. However to cut income tax more will only cause increased problems in a General Fund that is already hurting. There is a crying need for prisons, prison guards, state troopers, new and/or better highways, repairs to existing roads and bridges, mental health - the list goes on and on yet there are no funds in the General Fund to pay for these needs. Cutting taxes which feed the general fund will only make this matter worse. But to properly play to the political polls, politicians continue to make the unreasonable proposals and leave it to someone else to kill the idea in committee. Such action will produce even more opportunities for the candidates to preach that "I tried to help you but those bad guys wouldn't let." Oh just three years ago this same Bob Riley had this old country boy convinced that Alabama needed to pass additional taxes. Wonder where that need went after the tax measure failed?

Reverend and Mrs. Mickey Redd did a good deed several weeks ago but it got them some unwanted embarrassment. A knock at the front door during a rain led to a call to the police after being told by the woman at the door of abuse. The call was listed (correctly) on the police logs as a report from their Highland Avenue address of a domestic disturbance. The police report information was printed in The Elba Clipper, causing some church members to question what was happening with their preacher. Well folks, nothing was happening except the Redds were practicing what the bible teaches them to do . . . and helping someone who said she was in need. These are good folks to have in Elba.

We are often heard commenting that a person can be sued over the color of their shirt . . . but might not collect. Well now we have heard a real one that tops that: In England a computer web site (or blog) featured a picture of "Mom's apple pie". The computer owner was told to remove the picture because - now get this - "it might cause offense/discomfort to people with eating disorders/difficulties/distresses/issues". Our British friends are even more politically correct than Americans.

Last week Enterprise Mayor Kenneth Boswell hosted a meeting on 4-laning of Highway 167 from Troy to the Florida line. The meeting was informative but most of those in attendance left with a feeling that they will not live to see that vital project completed. This is embarrassing because Florida already has plans to 4-lane the Florida side (Fla Hwy 79) up to the state line. That means that during storm evacuations, the people leaving the beaches in droves will pile up at the Alabama state line waiting for a chance to get on a highway half the size they came from the beaches on.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Jan. 2, 2006, investigated the following incidents: one burglary, one criminal mischief, one unauthorized use, one harassing communications, three for theft of property, one dog bite, one identity theft, one criminal tampering, two for harassment, one domestic violence, one assault, one resisting arrest, one domestic dispute and one forgery.

The following arrests were made: one for theft of property, one for assault and one for failure to appear.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for a suspended driver's license, one for running a stop sign and one for speeding.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: **MONDAY, JAN. 2** - River stage - 8.77 feet (7:00 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson Ave. (5:11 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck north of 17649 Hwy. 125 N. (11:19 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JAN. 3 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 745 Lee St. (1:29 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1471 County Rd. 404 (9:07 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1152 Neil Grantham

Dr. (11:24 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 4 - Routine activity.**THURSDAY, JAN. 5** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on County Rd. 518 (5:08 p.m.).**FRIDAY, JAN. 6** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1019 Hickman Ave. (12:05 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 158 County Rd. 1208 (7:04 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Martin Luther King Dr. by Hammond Funeral Home (1:35 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 28390 Hwy. 167 (6:30 p.m.); Disturbance (fireworks) reported at 343 Brunson Circle (8:39 p.m.).**SATURDAY, JAN. 7** - Wreck reported just below 3208 County Rd. 404 (6:30 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck just below 3208 County Rd. 404 (6:30 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck just below 3208 County Rd. 404 (6:41 p.m.).**SUNDAY, JAN. 8** - Disturbance reported at 1584 Caroline St. Apt. B2 (5:53 a.m.); River stage - 6.99 feet (7:00 a.m.); Minor wreck reported in the Dairy Queen parking lot (3:25 p.m.).

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should look at giving the farmers one."

Dalrymple echoed Stephens' remark and said he too would have to pass on the proposed abatement.

With the varying comments, Commissioner Jim Thompson suggested commissioners look at the one time sales and use tax at an estimated \$25,000 for abatement. That way, he said, the county is giving something rather than nothing.

Thompson offered an amendment to only abate the sales and use tax for one time only at an estimated \$25,000. He received a second from Commissioner Doug Dalrymple.

This motion seemingly passed with a 4-2 vote. Voting in favor were commissioners Thompson, Dalrymple, Stephens and Brooks.

It was at this point that confusion began to set in regarding the proposed issue.

Commissioners then looked at voting on the original motion as amended; however, everyone seemed a bit confused as the amendment completely changed the original motion and there no longer seemed a need to vote on the original motion.

Commissioners went ahead and voted on the original motion regarding the property tax abatement, but the vote was deadlocked at 3-3 (Commissioner J.L. Weeks was not present for Monday's meeting). Therefore, no action was taken.

At that point, it seemed commissioners had voted to approve a tax abatement (one time only) on sales and use tax at an estimated \$25,000.

Not agreeing with that, Commissioner Stephens made a motion to reconsider the vote on the sales tax. He received no second.

While commissioners moved on with the meeting, county administrator Wilson Mobley quietly began researching the rules of procedure for such matters. Later on, he said he found the answer to the questions, and he and county attorney Joe Cassidy agreed that there had been an error in the original abatement motion and amendment.

Mobley said according to the rules of procedure an amendment to a motion can not serve as an equivalent to rejecting the original motion. In essence, he said that is what the amendment made by Commissioner Thompson did to the original motion regarding the tax abatement.

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LIFESTYLES

Gibson-Hollingsworth wedding held Thursday, December 22nd in Troy



Mr. & Mrs. Robert (Bobby) Gibson

Midge Hollingsworth, of Elba, Ala., and Robert "Bobby" Gibson, of Dothan, Ala., were united in holy matrimony on Thursday, December 22, 2005, with a small, private ceremony in Troy, Ala. where they exchanged vows.

The couple will reside in the Zion Chapel community. Family and friends congratulated the newlyweds as they set out on a new life journey.

Financial Aid available for college students

College students needing financial aid for the 2006-2007 academic year should go to www.fafsa.ed.gov or call the Financial Aid Office at Enterprise-Ozark Community College at 334-347-2623, ext. 2214 or go to www.eccc.edu for information on how to apply. Awards are announced early, so students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.



"Red Hot & Blue"

Coffee County Arts Alliance presents "Red Hot & Blue" Tuesday, January 17th at The Enterprise High School Auditorium

Wow! Amazing! A Must See! Incredible Talent! These words used by audiences and media alike after seeing the award-winning song and dance revue by Branson's All-American Ambassadors of Entertainment in "Red, Hot, & Blue." The Coffee County Arts Alliance performance is January 17, 2006, 7:30 p.m. at the Enterprise High School.

The high energy cast of six professional entertainers dressed in colorful and flamboyant costumes will woo you with their quick-moving choreography and precise vocal harmonies. They will take you on a musical journey from the Ragtime Era to the roaring 20's, from the Classic Jazz of the 1930's to the Swingin' 40's and the Big Band Era, and from the Hilarious 50's to the Rockin' 60's and the Disco 70's.

Come see the "Charleston Black Bottom Dance" or hear a medley of the 1930's Broadway tunes such as "Anything Goes," "42nd Street," "Lullaby of Broadway," and "De-Lovely." The Big Band sounds of the

1940's "Paper Doll," "In the Mood," and "I'll Be Seeing You" will lead you into the 1950's tunes of "Rock Around the Clock," "Going to the Chapel," "Tutti Frutti," and "Only You." Don't forget the 1960's with their rockin' renditions of "Hully Gully," "The Name Game" or "Twist and Shout." "If I Can't Have You," "Enough is Enough" or "That's the Way I Like It" will introduce the Disco 70's. The finale will be a medley of "This is the Moment."

This event is presented by the Coffee County Arts Alliance and is sponsored by THE CITY OF ENTERPRISE with additional support from the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For ticket information call David Deal, 334-1617. Web Site: www.coffee-county-artsalliance.com. E-mail: coffeeccaa@aol.com. Ticket Outlets: Enterprise, David's Westgate Beauty Salon, 334-406-1617, The Fraternity,

334-347-7800; Ft. Rucker, ITR Soldier Service Center, 334-255-2997; Elba, Bradley Plojatis & Gie, 334-897-3422; New Brockton, New Brockton Florist & Gift Shop, 334-894-6737; Dothan, Weezers, 334-673-8285.



Cody Joseph Sanders

Cody Joseph Sanders celebrates 5th birthday

Cody Joseph Sanders celebrated his 5th birthday on Tuesday, Dec. 27th with a SpiderMan party at his grandparents' home. Family and friends helped Cody celebrate the special occasion.

Cody is the son of Joseph and Cyndi Sanders of Fayetteville, N.C. He is the grandson of Larry and Gerottha Smith and Steve and Kay Sanders of Elba. Cody has a two year old sister, Valerie Hope.

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Miss Amanda Calhoun

Miss Amanda Calhoun & Mr. Clint Martin announce wedding plans

Terry and Margaret Calhoun, Elba, announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Calhoun, to Clint Martin, son of Jim and Marie Martin, also of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Maxie and Mildred Bozeman, Brantley, and Fred and Edith Calhoun, Elba. She is a graduate of Auburn University and the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She is currently employed with the Alabama Department of Public Health in Montgomery.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Mrs. Martha Martin and the late Mr. James Martin and Mrs. Frances Vaughan and the late Mr. Lamar Vaughan, all

of Elba. He is a graduate of Lurleen B. Wallace Community College, MacArthur campus, and is currently employed in Auburn. The couple plan an early Spring wedding.

Beekeepers to meet

The Southeast Alabama Beekeepers Association will hold its monthly meeting on the 2nd of February, 2006 at the coffee County Farm Center. Anyone interested in the honey-bee is welcome to attend. For more information, please call Elizabeth Whitaker at 334-894-2077.

Miss Tiffany Jo Hawthorne and Mr. Michael Andrew Windham to be united in marriage on Saturday, February 11th



Miss Hawthorne & Mr. Windham

Dennis and Judy Hawthorne of Kinston announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tiffany Jo Hawthorne to Michael Andrew Windham, son of Mike and Annette Windham of New Brockton.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of William and Carmaletha Hawthorne and Jim and Navajo Bawumk and the late Joe Merrill. He is a 2000 graduate of Kinston High School and a 2004 graduate of Troy University with a bachelor's degree in nursing. At Troy she was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority. She is currently employed as a registered nurse in Troy, Ala.

The future groom is the grandson of the late John Huey and Ruth Windham and the late Lena Pearl Fuller and Fondie Harrison. He is a 2000 graduate

LBW Community College announces Fall Semester honor roll

LBW Community College president Edward Meadows has announced academic honor students for the 2005 Fall Semester. A total of 79 students were named to the President's List and 106 students were named to the Dean's List. To qualify for these distinctions, students must be enrolled on a full-time basis and post a 3.5-3.99 (B+) grade point average to qualify for the Dean's List, and a 4.0 (A) grade point average to qualify for the President's List. The following students received honors distinctions:

President's List: Coffee County Elba, Alabama-Melissa Lynn Bowden, Jimmy Harold Carney, Christy Renae Eubanks, Jason Daniel Pearce, Jonathan Andrew Pearce, Clara B. Wright, Enterprise, Alabama-Amanda Sherree Bailey, Annette Blanchard, Dean's List: Coffee County Elba, Alabama, Trent V. Baker, Kaci Lyan Grantham, Patricia Ann Jordan, Stacey M. Nelson, Cara D. Patterson, Curtis R. Rushing, Kinston, Alabama-Angel N. Grace, Chase T. Williams; New Brockton, Alabama-Kala Dawn Anderson.

Black History Banquet to be held Saturday, February 4th

A community-wide Black History Banquet will be held at the Enterprise-Ozark Community College, Enterprise on Saturday, February 4, 2006. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. The banquet is sponsored by Club Yesepoch.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Roscoe Nance, NBA Sports Reporter from Herndon, Va. For ticket information call: Essie DuBose 347-2854, Mary Merritt 347-8585, Jamesie Rivers 347-4212 or Eloise Henderson 347-3598.

of New Brockton High School and a 2005 graduate of Troy University with a bachelors degree in social science and a minor in geography. He is currently employed in Montgomery, Ala. as a GIS analyst.

The wedding will be February 11, 2006 at Alberton Baptist Church at three o'clock in the afternoon. No local invitations are being sent. All family and friends are invited to attend.

Deadline For Social News Is Monday!

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CHURCH NEWS

Shiloh Baptist Church to hold Christian Rock Concert on January 21

Shiloh Baptist Church will hold a Christian Rock Concert on Saturday evening January 21 at 6:00 p.m.

The group will be Third Rail. For more information call 897-8068.

Benefit Barbecue at Elba Church of God Saturday, January 14th

The Elba Church of God is having a benefit Barbecue Saturday January 14. Serving will begin at 11:00 AM. Deliver

is available to people who can't get out. Call 897-2989. The money raised goes to the benevolence fund.

Mt. Vernon Assembly of God revival services scheduled for January 22-25th

Revival services are planned at Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Church from January 22 to January 25th. Services begin at 7 p.m. nightly. Evangelist J. R.

Green will be delivering the messages. Visitors are welcome. From Elba the church is located off Highway 189 on County Rd 330.

Benefit Gospel Singing planned January 28th at Mt. Zion Baptist Church

There will be a benefit Gospel Sing at Mt Zion Baptist Church (Mixon Cross Roads) on

January 28th at 6 p.m. Featured singers will be the Old Southern Gospel Singers.

Power Packed Week at Abundant Life Church set for January 15-22

Prophetess Jan Painter from Louisville Kentucky will be preaching and teaching at Abundant Life Church in Samson, AL on Sunday, January 15th at the 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. service. On Wednesday, January 18, Richard Thorn, minister at Abundant Life will be

leading a service beginning at 7:00. Ken Greene from Greenville, S.C. will be the speaker at the 10:30 service on January 22. He is an evangelist and has preached world-wide and has witnessed many miracles.

UM invites High School seniors to "Spring Preview Day"

The University of Mobile will host a "Spring Preview Day" for high school seniors on Saturday, Feb. 18 beginning at 9 a.m.

Prospective students will tour the campus and meet with students, faculty, and staff. They will get details about academics, admissions, financial aid, and student life and will also have the chance to earn a UM scholarship.

To register for the event or to find out more about applying to the University of Mobile, call the UM admissions office at 251-442-2273 or toll free at 1-800-946-7267. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, Feb. 15.

For more information about the Baptist-affiliated university or to download an application form, visit the website at www.umobile.edu.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CELEBRATION
 This event will be held at The Mulberry District Association Building in Elba, January 16 at 6:00 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. S.C. Hudson, of Ozark, AL, with Rev. W.L. Peterson serving as moderator.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CELEBRATION - ROCKY HEAD MB CHURCH
 This event will be held January 15, at 6:00 p.m.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
 1866: On this day January, 9. Fisk University is founded in Nashville, Tenn. Timeline 1881: Norbert Rilleux develops a standard system for refining sugar. Timeline 1944: The United Negro College fund is established. Today is a good day. Be grateful!

INSTALLATION SERVICE
 An installation service will be held for Rev. Cedric Gibson at Pea River Missionary Baptist Church, New Brockton, January 15 at 2:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be W. Curry-pastor of Mt. Moriah MB Church, Andalusia, AL.

ANNUAL CHOIR DAY CELEBRATION:
 The Annual Choir Day celebration at Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Elba, will be Sunday, Jan. 15, 2006 at 2:30

Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church to host Gospel Singing
 There will be a Gospel Singing at Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church on January 21, 2006. The featured singers will be The Snellgroves and The Monticello Bluegrasses. Singing begins at 7:00 p.m.

The church is located on County Rd 110 (between Hwy 125 and Hwy 167). For more information, contact Bill Daughtry at 735-2010 or Gus Grant at 897-6793.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor
 Elba United Methodist Church

"God as the rudder of life"

Scripture: James 1-5
 One of my favorite things to do when I was a chaplain in the Naval Reserve was to look at the ships. A navy ship is a thing of beauty to me. They are big and they are gray. They have all kinds of equipment, radar, and important computers on them. Yet, one of the most important items on a ship is its rudder.

The rudder is the smallest part of the ship, but without it the ship would drift aimlessly. The rudder gives the ship direction and guides the ship from port to port. A ship without a rudder is pretty useless. So is a life without God. Without God a person has no purpose in life and is steered by petty desires. When God is the rudder in our lives, we are controlled by His son

SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Shawanna Wright
& Melanie Mularz

Elba Elementary School Menu

January 16 - 20, 2006

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Holiday Tuesday - Pancake Pup/Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk Wednesday - PopTart, Cereal, Juice, Milk Thursday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Holiday (King/Lee Day) Tuesday - Pizza, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Corn on Cob, Fruit Cocktail, Milk Wednesday - Chicken Sandwich, Buttered Carrots, Green Beans, 1/2 Apple, Milk Thursday - Vegetable Beef Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk Friday - Hogleg, Lettuce, Dill Pickles, Oven Fries, Oatmeal Cookie, Milk

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Local students attend national leadership conference in Kentucky

Youth from the Elba High School chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCCLA) recently participated in a week-long leadership conference held Nov. 18-20 in Louisville, Ky. Attendees participated in a weekend of trainings and sessions that challenged, informed, and motivated members and their chapter advisors to become leaders through FCCCLA.

Along with more than 4,500 other members and chapter advisors, Elba High School's FCCCLA chapter adviser, Christina Whitlock, accompanied 10 members to the meeting. The "You Got the Power" theme was reinforced in the Opening General Session by guest speaker Eric Bostick, who inspired attendees to discover the "Power of One" and begin living their dreams today. Saturday's agenda involved training in FCCCLA's programs of Community Service, Dynamic Leadership, FACTS - Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety, Families First, Japanese Exchange Program, Power of One, STOP the Violence - Students Taking on Prevention, and Student Body. Other trainings included presentations about FCCCLA's membership campaign, Be Part of It!, and teaching members how to spread the word about FCCCLA. The Ultimate Leadership Experience by using Brand FCCCLA.

The American Cancer Society, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), and March of Dimes also presented collaborative project ideas. Keynote speaker Rolfe Carawan closed out the meeting with a high impact motivational message, "The Difference if You," encouraging attendees to make the most of their powerful leadership

potential. "This trip was a wonderful learning experience for both my students and myself," Whitlock said. "Everyone was able to learn valuable ways they can contribute to make their community a better place to live. Not only were the students able to gain a great deal of education from the meetings, they were also able to explore the city, its heritage and realize that all communities need people helping and pushing to make them better places to live." Louisville was one of four nationally sponsored training conferences this fall. These National Cluster Meetings are designed to allow local students and teachers to take advantage of high-quality leadership training opportunities. Meetings were also held in Hartford, Connecticut; Houston, Texas; and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of



These FCCCLA students from Elba High recently attended a week-end leadership conference in Louisville, Ky. along with their advisor Christina Whitlock.

America is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only career and technical in-school student organization with the

family as its central focus.

Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers and communities.

The campaign will support

four initiatives which have been deemed vital to the area: 1) development of a rapid response fund to strengthen and expand the College's workforce development services; 2) expansion of the capacity to train nurses and allied health technicians; 3) establishment of an endowment fund for scholarships, capital improvements and other College needs; and 4) development of a humanities program to assist students in developing communication and citizenship skills.

Charles Coggin, chairman of the WCC Foundation board of trustees, helped launch the campaign two years ago by heading the lead gifts committee and involving key community leaders. As director of governmental affairs for the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce, Coggin says he sees Wallace as essential to building a highly-paid, skilled workforce for the region's manufacturing and healthcare industries and to attracting more industries in the future.

"Wallace is vital to fulfilling these needs," Coggin said. "If properly supported, the community college can produce the skilled labor needed to position new industry and help existing businesses grow and prosper. Four million dollars is just the beginning. It will take five years to see some good results, and we've got to build on that in terms of facilities, faculty and technology."

Healthcare is one industry currently struggling to fill jobs. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, half of the top ten jobs with the greatest demand in the United States are in allied health and nursing. Wallace leads southeast Alabama in producing allied health and nursing workers.

In fact, Flowers Hospital CEO Keith Granger, who co-chairs the Campaign with local businessman Hugh Wheelless, general partner of Wheelless Development, Ltd., says 70 percent of the nurses and healthcare technicians in the area are Wallace graduates.

Matt Parker, president of Dothan by Design, the Dothan Area Chamber's economic development program, notes Wallace as a center for lifelong learning.

Parker said statistics indicate 67 percent of today's jobs require a two-year degree, compared to 24 percent requiring a four-year degree. The remaining nine to 11 percent require a high school diploma or its equivalent.

Dr. James York, and the major gifts committee, led by Alan and Marty Clark, we're confident that we'll reach, perhaps even exceed, our Campaign goal of \$4 million, and that will be a victory for both the College and the entire region of southeast Alabama.

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SCHOOLS

FROM THE COCKPIT

New Brockton School News

Sponsor: Lori Cotney

New Brockton High students noted and quoted

by Brandon Bell

Quotes are amazing statements that can help people in so many ways.

Some quotes brighten the day or inspire people to do extra-

ordinary things. They can even make people see things in a new light.

Here are some favorite quotes around NBHS:

Kaitlin Turner - "Life is like an onion: You peel it off one

layer at a time, and sometimes you weep."

Aerica Barefoot - "Never live in the past, live in the moment."

Anna Beth Sawyer - "Whether you think you can or you can't, you're right."

Kayla Farnon - "The secret to having it all is believing that you do."

Kendall Persin - "3 nails plus one cross equals forgiven."

Beth Vaughn - "A moment on the lips a lifetime on the hips."

Shane Adkison - "When you think you can take the heat life throws you a curve ball."

Robyn Martin - "Always believe in yourself, never let anyone tell you you can't achieve your goals."

Emily Hardman - "The past, the present, and the future are only degrees of time, but what happens in that time is up to the only one that can measure it."

NBHS Students of the Month



JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH INCLUDE: (L-R) Alex McNair, Shay Carpenter, Emilee Dunn and Heath Danford.

WCC receives \$1.9 million grant for healthcare programs

Wallace Community College was awarded a \$1.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to establish the Tri-state Rural Access in Nursing (TRAIN) program, which will address critical needs in the local healthcare industry.

According to project director Kathy Buntin, WCC coordinator of health sciences, TRAIN will provide a certified nursing assistant program curriculum for entry-level healthcare workers, a healthcare retention support lab to improve student retention and a school-at-work program. Funds will also allow for the renovation of existing nursing laboratories and will be used to increase recruiting efforts in

local high schools and communities. "Nine counties in the Wallace service area are currently designated nursing shortage counties, and a shortage of healthcare facilities report a shortage in virtually every medical profession," said Buntin. "TRAIN targets the critical shortage in the local workforce with training activities to address current and future needs."

According to Buntin, 1462 students are currently enrolled in the College's healthcare training programs. "Our goal is to increase the availability of services for healthcare students so we can meet the workforce demands in our local communities," she said. Wallace serves

more than 443,000 residents of 15 rural counties in southeast Alabama, southwest Georgia and the Florida panhandle.

The Department of Labor awarded Wallace a grant of only 70 of 388 grant applications funded nationwide.

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Taking it to the extreme

by Tori Stone

The popularity of what some call "extreme sports" is rapidly rising across the United States. Although not quite as popular as more typical sports such as football or baseball, these sports may one day become the next national pastime. Extreme sports such as skateboarding, waterskiing, whitewater rafting, motocross, BMX and snowboarding are quickly becoming a favorite pastime of young people across the country.

I searched the halls of NBHS to find a few students who participate in these types of sports, and I found several, ranging from waterskiing, whitewater rafting to two snowboarders.

Q: What do you enjoy most about your sport?

* "Just being out on the water." - Hilary Mock (waterskiing)

* "It is very adventurous and exciting" - Alexa Adams (whitewater rafting)

* "Being able to do tricks, stop real fast and make sharp turns." - Shane Griswold (snowboarding)

* "Having a lot of freedom while your on the slopes. I like getting in the snowboarding park and going down the top courses." - Josh Roberts

Q: Do you have an embarrassing moment?

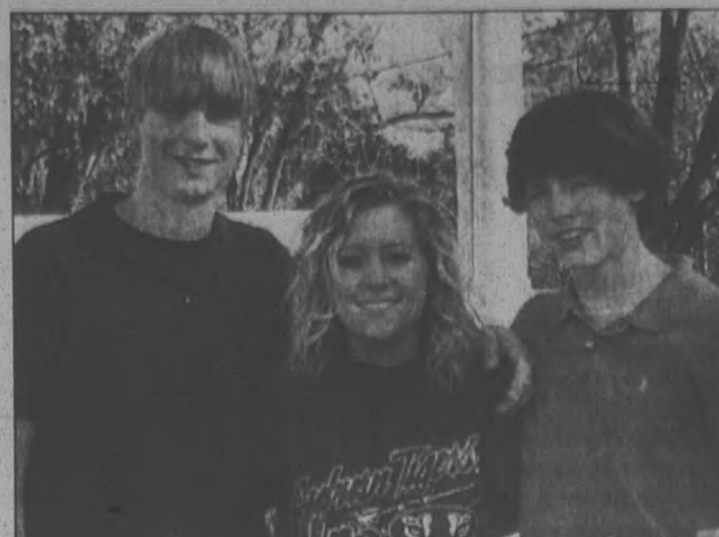
* "The skis shot out from under me in front of a large group of college students." - Hilary

* "When I almost fell out of the raft" - Alexa

* "While Shane and I were on a top course, he fell and ran into me, knocked me down and we both fell down the mountain upside down." - Josh

* "While Josh and I were snowboarding in the park I fell and hit myself on the rail. I also had a major wipeout and ate a bunch of snow." - Shane

As you can see, we have a lot of students at NBHS who take things to the extreme (and have some pretty embarrassing moments while doing it).



New Brockton High School students who "take it to the extreme" include: Shane Griswold, Alexa Adams, Josh Roberts and (not pictured) Hilary Mock.

Q: How long have you participated in your sport?

* "I just did it this past summer with my youth group." - Alexa Adams

* "Since 5th grade" - Hilary Mock

* "2 1/2 years" - Josh and Shane

Q: Do you have an embarrassing moment?

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SPORTS

Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mulatz, Sports Editor

While I will admit the house is a little quieter now that our oldest has moved to college, with a sixteen-year-old daughter at home things still get a little hectic at times. Melinda how has to wash the dishes twice a much as before, gets to handle more of the house-hold chores and gets to run almost all the errands. Why would that make things noisier? If you have had a teenager you know that just because you want things done doesn't mean that they get done without some objections. Oh well, if things get too quiet I can always shut out the dog!

ONCE OVER LIGHTLY...

*** The Elba Tigers improved their record to 12-2 last week with a pair of big area wins over Highland Home and Luverne, and it looks like the Tigers now have the regular season area championship and the right to host the area tournament almost in their grasp. Elba still has three more area games on the schedule, but the area on the road. However, the Tigers are 3-0 now and should have the confidence knowing that since they have already beaten their area foes once they can certainly do it again. In years past Elba has run out to a good record only to falter down the stretch and miss out on sub-region play, but something tells me that this bunch of seniors determined to go out with a bang and will continue to get better as the season rolls along. There are many more battles left to fight, but the Elba Tigers are fighters and are on the verge of big things.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers suffered their first area loss of the season last week in overtime to Luverne, but still control their own destiny and can host the area tournament if they win their remaining area contests. The Lady Tigers put an end to their four-game losing streak with a key area win in Highland Home, and if the girls will work hard and play hard every time they hit the court they too may get to hang an area championship banner in the rafters at the Elba High gym.

*** The regular season is getting ready to enter the home stretch and for teams in the area the players, coaches and fans are all excited about the weeks to come. The Brantley Bulldogs are ranked #1 in the state in the 1A poll and should get better and better as they settle in after a late start, while the Kinston Bulldogs have begun to put things together and may very well be a team to keep an eye on, in the 1A ranks. Zion Chapel has yet to win a game and must forget about records and dedicate itself to getting better, while in the 2A ranks New Brockton has yet to jell, but has as many athletes as any team in the area and could be a contender before the season draws to a close. Over on the girls side of the roster it looks like the Kinston Lady Bulldogs have a solid shot at making some noise in the post-season and are headed for a big season, while Zion Chapel has been inconsistent and must concentrate and play its best at all times to make a post-season run. As for Brantley and New Brockton, both teams are filled with youngsters and are simply trying to build a solid foundation for the future.

*** Pike County football coach Wayne Grant announced last week that he would return to coach the Bulldogs next season, after all. Coach Grant had hinted he would retire and had even filed his retirement papers with the state back before the state finals, but decided to come back and coach the team he has led to four state titles. Rumors were heard about Coach Grant returning to Zion Chapel and maybe going over to 6A Dothan. However, when the dust cleared last week he was back at Pike County and you know he is already working to add another trophy to the crowded trophy case.

*** I tip my hat to school officials at Virginia Tech for biting the bullet and dismissing its all-conference quarterback Marcus Vick from the school. Vick had been in trouble on a constant basis since enrolling for years ago, and even sat out one season due to legal problems. In the Hokies bowl win last week he stomped on the leg of a defender, and the school officials finally decided enough was enough. If more colleges would follow the lead maybe they would run the thugs out of college sports and return it to a game of sportsmanship.

*** In closing... the long college bowl season is now over and Texas has emerged as the #1 team in the nation. It is hard to believe that one player could carry a team to a national title in these days of scholarship and practice reductions. However, Vince Young almost single handedly brought the title to the Longhorns and left even his biggest critics speechless after his performance in the Rose Bowl. Closer to home, the Crimson Tide reached the 10-win plateau with its Cotton Bowl win over Texas Tech and gave its fans something to cheer about with its #8 ranking, while Auburn left Orlando more than a little embarrassed after being whipped by Wisconsin. The Tigers had fun before the game and got to visit all the parks, but once the game started they ran head first into a team that had come to play on the field, and thus they have a vacation. One interesting fact I heard last week was that Alabama's Mike Shula now has as many 10-win seasons as Auburn's Tommy Tuberville - one. Bama fans may need to "fear the thumb" when it comes to Coach Tubby and his Tigers, but one name he won't be called is "10 win Tommy".

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Improve record to 12-2

Tigers post area win over Luverne 54-48

The Elba Tigers continued their winning ways and remained undefeated in area play Friday night by posting a big 54-48 win over the Luverne Tigers, in Elba.

The win improved Elba's overall record to 12-2, while the Tigers' area slate went to 3-0 and kept them alone atop the area standings.

Elba jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead behind the shooting of Mason Gulley and LaRay Williams, only to see Luverne score 10 straight points over a six minute span as Luverne pulled on top 10-4 with 1:35 remaining in the opening quarter. Williams scored from inside and converted a free-throw to cut the lead to 10-7 with 1:10 left on the clock, then scored the final basket of the quarter with only :04 remaining as the Tigers pulled within 10-9 heading into the second stanza.

Elba came out determined to regain command as the second quarter opened and the Tigers did just that as they opened the quarter with a 17-0 run to jump out to a commanding 26-10 advantage! Reymar Rodgers and Ron Hill scored early in the quarter to spark the rally, while Brandon Kelley capped off the run with a three-pointer with 2:13 left in the half. Luverne finally scored late in the quarter, but it made little difference as the Tigers went in at intermission with a 29-13 lead on a late three-pointer by Mason Gulley.

Elba owned a 31-15 lead with 6:58 remaining in the third quarter after a driving lay-up by LaRay Williams. However, this time it was Luverne's time to stage a rally as the Luverne offense let the Tigers regain command and cut the lead to 35-30 late in the stanza. Brandon Kelley hit two free-

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throws in the final minute of the quarter, and the points were badly needed as by the end of the period Elba's lead was down to 37-35.

Luverne scored the first three points of the fourth quarter to grab a 38-37 lead, but Elba's Kikko Logan and Reymar Rodgers both connected on two free-throws early in the quarter as the Tigers moved back on top 41-38 with 5:55 left on the clock. Baskets by LaRay Williams and Reymar Rodgers helped the Tigers open up a 45-38 lead with 5:38 left on the clock, but Luverne again battled back and rallied to pull within 46-44 with 3:58 remaining.

A basket by Reymar Rodgers upped Elba's lead to 48-44 with 3:40 left, and when Brandon Kelley hit one of two free-throws with 2:38 on the clock the Tigers' lead stood at 50-46.

Luverne cut the lead to 50-48 and had a chance to pull even in the closing minute, but missed two free-throws and then watched as Elba's Mason Gulley scored the final four points of the game to give the Tigers the 54-48 win.

Mason Gulley scored 17 points to lead Elba, while LaRay Williams added 13 points and pulled down 10 rebounds and Reymar Rodgers added 11 points. Fred Hawkins scored 16 points to lead Luverne.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



ELBA COUNCIL MEMBER HAROLD SPICER (right) serves on the Southeast Alabama Gas District board and recently presented a grant check to the City of Elba on behalf of the Southeast Alabama Gas District. Accepting the check is Elba Mayor James Grimes.

Senior World Group to offer Spanish lessons

Habla Espanol? During the month of February, the Senior World Group of Dothan will offer conversational Spanish lessons for seniors at Troy University. The non-credit classes begin February 7, and continue each Tuesday throughout the month.

Area residents age 50 and over, who are interested in learning a new hobby or travel-

New Brockton's football coach officially resigns duties as coach/athletic director

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday evening, Jan. 5, for the regular monthly meeting of the board and officially accepted a resignation that many had been anticipating.

At the end of New Brockton High School's football season, it was reported that Coach Shannon Clark informed his players that he would not return next season as the head coach; however, no official action had been taken by Clark or the Coffee County Board of Education until last Thursday evening's meeting.

During the meeting, Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram recommended that the board accept the resignation of Shannon Clark as head football coach and athletic director at New Brockton High School. Clark did not resign his teaching position at the school.

Board members asked if Clark gave a reason for his resignation as coach/athletic director, and Ingram said no.

His resignation was accepted by an unanimous vote of the board.

Ingram told board members that she is going to continue to work with the architect on drawing plans for the proposed

Zion Chapel School addition. Of the schools, Ingram said Zion Chapel has experienced the most growth over the past several years. She said Zion Chapel is up to 723 students this year.

"We're trying to plan for the activities currently going on at the school," she said, "it's a practical building we're pro-

posing."

Ingram told board members that the windows were delivered for the New Brockton High School renovation project during the Christmas holiday. While she was pleased that the windows had finally arrived, the superintendent said she feels this project has taken much too long to finish. She

said she had expressed that feeling to the architect and contractor.

Ingram also reported that other construction projects at the schools are progressing well.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education will be Thursday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m.

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accounts.

White said there are a substantial amount of past due accounts. He said the board has turned these accounts over to Holloway Credit for the company to locate the customers, collect the past due money. He said a portion of the collected money will go to Holloway Credit.

White also said the quota for sign-ups with the water system upgrade has been met. He said this now allows the water board to close on the loan for the project.

Council members answered a request to allow the planting of a tree in memory of Poncey Brock.

Town Clerk Annette Williams said the request was made by former classmates of Brock. With permission from the council, she said the classmates

would like to plant the tree either in the town park or along the walking trail.

Council member Richard Driskell made a motion with a second from White to allow the planting of the tree in memory of Poncey Brock with the understanding the town assumes no responsibility for the tree upkeep. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

Council members tabled until the next working group meeting a discussion regarding the implementation of a town newsletter. The newsletter was suggested by a resident who offered her services (free for the first issue only) with the project.

Council members also tabled until the next working group meeting a discussion regarding the sponsorship of the Miss and Little Miss New Brockton page-

cants.

Herron read a letter during the meeting from the New Brockton Athletic Club. The club has sponsored the pageants for several years, but the letter indicated the club is no longer interested in sponsoring the pageants. Several reasons were mentioned.

Council member Cal Donnia Howard said sponsorship of the pageants is a job, and she suggested the council gather more information and take more time to discuss before any decision is made regarding the sponsorship. Council members also discussed searching for any other organizations that might be interested in sponsoring the pageants.

Council members unanimously voted to pay the monthly bills. The total bills through Dec. 31, 2005 were \$27,489.01 with \$27,179.01 being prepaid and \$310 to be paid.

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New Brockton memorializes Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Town of New Brockton joined others across the nation Monday, Jan. 16, in honoring

and remembering the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The day's events in New Brockton began around 9 a.m. when participants gathered at

the site of the old Warren Smith School building for a short program filled with encouraging words from New Brockton council members and a presen-

tation of songs. Upon the conclusion of that program, those in attendance participated in the town's annual remembrance march honoring Dr. King. Approximately 50 people of all ages participated in the march.

New Brockton Police Chief Dale Grimes led the march by vehicle. He was followed by the marchers on foot as they walked from the old Warren Smith School building to the town's main street and then to Springfield Baptist Church - the site of a memorial program.

New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole served as the guest speaker of the memorial program, and he urged those in attendance to "embrace the unity and brotherhood that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. taught us."

Several local church pastors and community leaders also participated in the event.

APPROXIMATELY 50 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED in New Brockton's annual "Remembrance March" Monday, Jan. 16, in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Sheriff's Department arrests two following theft at county store

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department responded Monday, Jan. 16, to the scene of a reported theft, and later in the evening made two arrests in connection to the crime.

After other law enforcement agencies in the area received a bolo from the Coffee County Sheriff's Department reporting the crime, Williams said he received a call from the police

suspects then allegedly diverted the owner's attention to the back of the store while the other suspect went behind the counter and took a money bag.

At that point, he said the suspects fled the scene of the crime.

After other law enforcement agencies in the area received a bolo from the Coffee County Sheriff's Department reporting the crime, Williams said he received a call from the police

chief in Arlton. He said the chief indicated he knew of two males in Arlton that matched the description of those suspected.

Williams said information was gathered, including a positive identification from the victim of one of the suspects by photograph. Both suspects were located and following a brief chase, Williams said they were captured.

Arrested and charged with

theft of property second degree were Donald Dwayne Johnson and Jameson English, both of Arlton.

According to Williams, the suspects confessed to the crime after being arrested. As of Tuesday afternoon, he said they remained in the Coffee County Jail.

Williams added that the stolen money bag and checks were recovered and only a small amount of cash was taken.

Elba BOE amends FY06 budget for two grants

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The January meeting of the Elba School Board included no surprises for board members, the administration nor the public.

The financial report was also a continued solid funding base for the local system. Funding for the local system was given to board members for the CNP (lunchroom) program.

Williams said one of the two

Superintendent Danny Weeks explained two amendments to the FY-06 budget and recommended their approval. Board members formally approved the changes. Each was added in to acknowledge the awarding of two federal education grants to the school system.

A "High Hopes" grant of \$9,000 will help prepare students for the graduation examination. A \$55,000 Technology grant will be used to continue upgrade of the high technology equipment and computer software serving the school system and students.

There were no personnel issues to discuss, as new hires and transfers were handled in a special meeting before the session.

Wiregrass United Way exceeds goal and receives challenge pledge

For the third consecutive year, the Wiregrass United Way has reached their annual fund raising goal. And this year there is a tremendous bonus awaiting the organization and its agencies.

Jeff Brannon, Wiregrass Campaign Chairman, made the announcement at a press conference on Friday, January 6th at the local United Way office.

Brannon credited the dedicated volunteers and staff who hard work over the past several months. "Each of the five counties that make up the Wiregrass United Way has strong leadership for the campaign. They all said back in August that we would make the goal and they all worked hard to get us to this point," he added.

The county campaign chairs were Bill Shelton, City of

\$2,409,990. In addition, the newly formed Wiregrass Foundation made a challenge pledge to the Wiregrass United Way. Their pledge was that if the local United Way reached their goal of \$2.4 million the foundation would contribute \$200,000 to be distributed to the local agencies.

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Enterprise Public Works Director, Coffee County, Vernon Johnson, Dale Medical Center, Dale County, Sheriff Greg Ward, Geneva County, Sherri Hendon, A. W. Herndon Cigo Food Stores, Henry County and Bob Woodall of Bob Woodall Air Care Systems, Houston County.

There were also numerous volunteers throughout the area that served as Division Chairs, Loaned Executives, and Campaign Coordinators. The Wiregrass United Way has a small staff, with only seven employees for the five county area.

Division Chairs are assigned a specific group of accounts and most of them have several Loaned Executives that work with them. This year the Division Chairs for the campaign were:

Hugh Baxley, D. Paul Bell, Cyndi Brockett, Charles Buntin, Jennifer Doherty, Mary Ann Earnest, Charles Jenkins, Phillip Kelley, Mary Beth Maddox, Gary Medley, Blinda Miller, Julie Mills, Janice Shepard, Marilyn Stirling and Mary Weatherford.

The Loaned Executives are especially critical to the success of the campaign. It is their responsibility to work directly with the campaign coordinators

at each of the area businesses to assist them in conducting their employee campaigns. This year's Loaned Executives were: Christy Arnold, Kinman, Wiregrass Medical Center, Clay Lane, MidSouth Bank, Rodney McCoy, Michelin North America, Bill Oldfield, Farley Nuclear Plant, Jackie Parker, CenturyTel, Rosie Ray, Buffalo Rock Pepsi, B. B. Saunders, Michelin North America, Anne Spears, Farley Nuclear Plant, Lawton Webb, MidSouth Bank and Caryl Welch, Covenant

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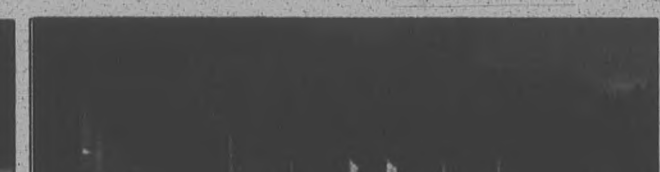
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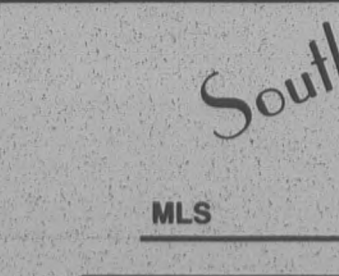
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